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)**REQUEST/PETITION FOR PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT**Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

For the following reasons it is believed that the term of any patent resulting from the above-identified U.S. Patent Application should be extended by 236 days.

A fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18(e) is enclosed herewith.

The above-noted application is not subject to a terminal disclaimer.

There were no circumstances constituting a failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of the above-noted application.

37 C.F.R. § 1.702(a)(2) states that, subject to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 154(b), the term of an original patent shall be adjusted if the issuance of the patent was delayed due to the failure of the Office to: "Respond to a reply under section 35 U.S.C. 132 or to an appeal taken under 35 U.S.C. 134 no later than four months after the date on which the reply was filed or the appeal was taken..."

In this application a reply under 35 U.S.C. § 132 was filed on March 14, 2005. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office was required to mail an Official Action by July 14, 2005 (4 months later). However, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office did not mail an Official Action until March 7, 2006.

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The difference between the deadline for mailing the Official Action, i.e., July 14, 2005, and the date when the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office mailed the Official Action,

i.e., March 7, 2006, is 236 days. Therefore, the term of any patent resulting from the above-identified U.S. Patent Application should be extended by 236 days, and such is requested.

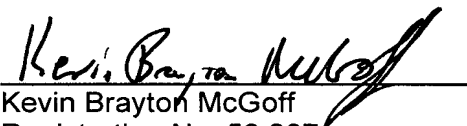
Should any questions arise in connection with this application, it is requested that the undersigned counsel for Applicants be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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